

TO AID THE SEAMSTRESS.

Simple Contrivance of Much Value in Hot Weather.

Why has not some one thought of this excellent idea before? A fan attachment for the sewing machine that will aid the seamstress to do her work in more comfort than it is otherwise possible for her to do it. True there have been suggestions along this line, but they failed for the lack of some very necessary features which were not incorporated in them.

The new fan is fitted to the top of the arm of the machine and about on



a level with the face of the operator. When the machine is running the fan revolves with tremendous rapidity and cools the fevered brow of the seamstress. As an assistant its value could hardly be overrated, as any one who has had a hard day's work on a machine could testify. A lever arrangement allows the fan to be thrown out of gear when desired, so that it does not necessarily run all the time if its services are not wanted. A commendable feature of the attachment is that it does not impose additional work on the seamstress, and no extra energy has to be put forth to run the machine on its account.

Was Caught and Released.

A large "spikehorn" deer, chased by a dog, ran down the street at Manchester, N. H., the other day. When abreast of an apartment house the animal suddenly turned, bolted through a large plate glass window, ran through a suite and made its exit by a window at the rear. The deer was finally corralled in a stable, where it was induced to enter a piano box. Thus confined, the animal was transported to woods outside the city and released.

Eggs Break Up Social.

An egg thrower caused a little commotion at a church social held at Little Silver, a village near Red Bank, N. J. Everything was going along nicely when two ancient eggs came sailing into the room. One of them hit a guest squarely in the mouth and the other grazed the pastor's head.

The social broke up in confusion and the men present hurried out and hunted in vain for the egg thrower.

Before Carrie.



The Furies were the feminine reformers of ancient Greece. They pursued the guilty with torches instead of hatchets.

Yale Alumni Stick Together.

The class of 1853 of Yale found that one of its members was in a poor house and raised a fund to place him in a home for aged men.

FIND SNAKES IN STORE.

Moccasins Find Agreeable Abode in Rolls of Wall Paper.

As a result of the recent Turkey creek flood, the drug store and paint and paper house owned by B. F. Shouse at 3021-3025 Southwest boulevard, is inhabited by snakes driven there by the water, says a Kansas City dispatch. A water moccasin, whose bite is said to be as deadly as that of a rattlesnake was found hidden in some wall paper and it was only a chance that nobody was bitten before the snake was killed.

Miss Ray Hintges, a young woman employed in the store, was working among the rolls of wall paper, when another water moccasin stuck its head from the paper almost in her face. She called for assistance and the snake was killed. Mr. Shouse is overhauling his stock since that time in search of snakes. He says that the snakes entered the store when it was flooded and appeared to find an agreeable abode in the rolls of wall paper.

Unique Gate.



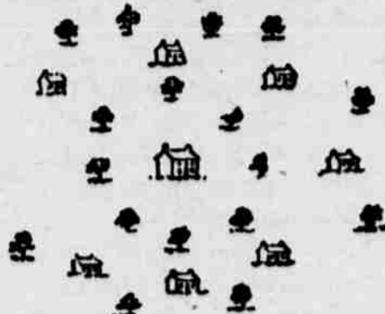
A Kansas farmer has a gate made of rakes, hoes and other agricultural implements.

Poor Reward for Honesty.

Herr Tippelt, an Austrian mining millionaire, decided that honesty is not the best policy. Recently he discovered that his income during the last few years had exceeded the figure at which he had returned it, and in a fit of remorse he sent \$6,500 to the Exchequer. The result was that he received a demand for another \$3,750, being interest on the arrears, and eighteen times the amount of the interest charged, as a penalty for not having declared his full income. Herr Tippelt appealed against the demand to the court, but the judge decided against him.

The Clever Farmer.

In the center of this picture stands the landlord's house. Around it are eight pear trees. Outside these trees stand eight houses let to tenants, and



the outermost circles of all is formed by ten apple trees.

Now, the landlord wished to keep the apple trees for himself, and to give each tenant a pear tree. A little thought enabled him to construct a hedge which successfully inclosed his own house and the apple trees, and separated the other houses so that each had a pear tree. How did he do it?

First American Newspaper.

Mrs. Clute of the Pettaping house, Essex, Conn., has a copy of the first newspaper printed in America, dated at Boston, April 24, 1704.

A REAL KISSING BUG.

This Is What the Osculatory Insect Looks Like.

This is a portrait of the osculatory insect ordinarily known as the "kissing bug." Of course a simple name like that, however illuminative to the layman, is not enough for the scientists, who have dubbed him the Reduvidae melanolestes picipes—in other words, "blackfooted black robber." That's a pretty hard name to call any bug. But some of his detractors go even further and dub him the "assassin bug."

A fine specimen of this insect may be seen in the entomological depart-



ment of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, according to the North American of that city.

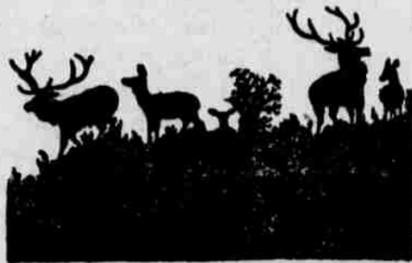
He is half an inch long, entirely black in color, has wings and two antennae. These are the hornlike projections over his head. Under his head is a black tube, with which the osculatory sting is administered. When the kissing bug "gets busy" he works quickly, neatly, with promptness and dispatch. His sting is not poisonous, and no more harmful, scientists say, than the mosquito. When human beings are not available to prey upon, he is satisfied with other bugs.

Fortune in Old House.

Martha Lopez, a silversmith of Colima, Mexico, has discovered treasure amounting to half a million dollars in the wall of an old house which he recently purchased and is reconstructing. The treasure consists of silver money of Spanish coinage, pearls, and jewelry, and was found imbedded in solid masonry.

There are several ancient documents in connection with the treasure, which refer to the early political history of Mexico, and clear up several historical points which have been obscure up to this time.

Clever Silhouettist.



A silhouettist cut out this charming little scene from a piece of paper without previously touching the paper with a pencil.

Matches a Cent Apiece.

According to Horace Swan of Rutland, Vt., matches were first brought into that state seventy-two years ago. They were introduced by the wholesale wagons which traversed the country at that time furnishing the stores with goods. The matches were packed 25 to the box, and a box cost the dealer 25 cents at wholesale.

Arabian Numerals.

The Arabic symbols for the first nine numbers were formed by drawing as many vertical or horizontal



strokes as there were in the number. 7, 8 and 9 were too much alike, so other symbols for 7 and 8 were introduced.

Try This Plan.

If one could have a cent the first day of the month, two cents on the next day, four cents the next, and so on, doubling the amount each day, he would have nearly \$3,000,000 at the end of a month of 31 days.

\$100 FOR AN EGG

Of an East Indian Game Fowl Imported into England.

Not often does the price of a single egg climb to \$100, but that is what was offered for each of the eggs of a certain Indian game hen, which was brought to England some time ago, says Country Life in America.

For centuries the Indian game, or Azeel fowls, have been the very apex of the game breed, for the pureness of blood and pedigree have been most carefully preserved for so long that the date of the origin of the race has been lost in the past.

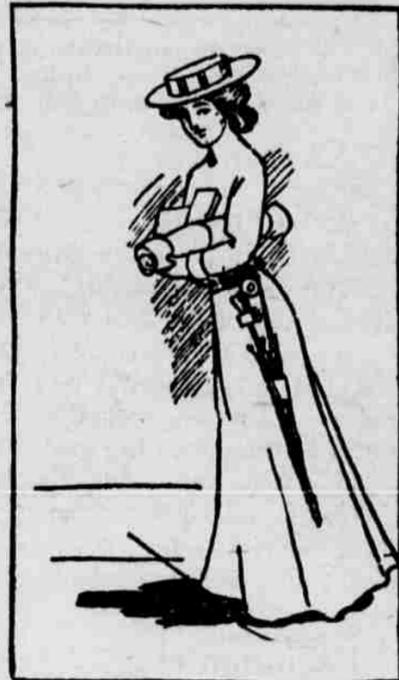
It is almost impossible to procure specimens of the purest blood, for they are treasured by the Indian sportsmen at the highest value, and the best fowls are not allowed to go out of their native country.

As game fowl, they are great fighters. Those who have seen them in India—for the finest birds never reach our colder climates—tell of their prowess and ungovernable tenacity in battle. With them it is always victory or death.

In America, however, the game fowls are seldom raised for fighting purposes, but are for show and as pets and hobbies for poultry fanciers.

Umbrella Carrier.

For the convenience of the ladies who find their umbrellas, parasols and



The Umbrella Carrier.

sunshades unwieldy and unhandy while on shopping tours there has been invented a holder which is to be worn attached to the belt just as the scabbard of a sword is fastened to the accoutrements of an army or naval officer.

This arrangement appears to be as effective as it is simple, and possesses features which will doubtless appeal to the fair sex. The affair is amply explained by the accompanying picture. It is small and unobtrusive, and when not in use hangs easily at the side entirely out of the way. It will doubtless be quite popular with the ladies.

Ancestor of Modern Artillery.



The first cannon. It dates back to Edward III.'s time, and did service in the battle of Crecy.

Deer Killed by Wire Fence.

A young moose crossed the yard of A. Putnam at Fort Fairfield, Me., and went in the direction of the railroad station. In its path it encountered a wire fence which it attempted to leap over, but caught its head in the wire and broke its neck.